

the cases that the Board would like to at the present time. Many cases are referred to a hearing officer who renders an opinion and then the Board reviews the decision and either adopts or does not adopt the hearing officer's decision.

The Board is now actually in session 29 days of each year. An additional 30 days is required to grade the examination papers, and in addition much business is transacted by mail and phone, by committee action and by special meetings. Eventually, full-time Board members may be necessary, but this is not considered necessary at this time.

The Cost

It has been recommended that the cost of this program be paid from increased renewal fees. The recommendations are that a renewal fee shall be fixed by the Board at a sum not in excess of 40 dollars nor less than four dollars.

Summary

1. The medical profession is to be congratulated upon the fact that a high standard of professional conduct has been maintained in this state.

2. The Board of Medical Examiners recognizes the need for revision and expansion of existing laws relating to the practice of medicine. Suggested revisions and expansion of existing laws has been presented for consideration.

3. If the changes in the existing laws are adopted, the Board will be able to do a much more efficient job, both in the disciplining and rehabilitation of its licentiates who violate the laws. Not only will the standards of medical practice be elevated, but greater safeguards for the public will be provided.

4. It is fully recognized that it is impossible to "spell out" every possible detail in making these recommendations. After experience has been gained, further changes may be necessary.

5. It has been recommended that increasing the license renewal fees of the licentiates will adequately pay for the additional costs of the proposed program.

6. The basic concept of the proposals made is to strengthen and expand the existing laws and maintain the program under the Board of Medical Examiners.

It has been a pleasure to have this opportunity to appear before you, and I wish to thank you on behalf of the members of the Board. We have the same objectives. We want to do the best possible job for the people of this state and for the medical profession. Your committee can expect the utmost cooperation from the Board.

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 504th Meeting of the Council, Los Angeles, International Hotel, September 19, 1964.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson in the Ballroom of the International Hotel, Los Angeles International Airport, on Saturday, September 19, 1964, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present were President Doyle, President-Elect Teall, Speaker Quinn and Councilors MacLaggan, Wilson, Todd, Bullock, O'Connor, Ham, Rogers, Maguire, Richard S. Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Kay, Kaiser, Anderson, Grunigen, Shaw and Sherman.

Absent for cause, Vice-Speaker Telford, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors Gooel, Murray, Dozier and Cosentino.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Whelan, Klutch, Clark, Bowman, James, Eberlein, Goldman and Moreillon, Mmes. Griffith and Redfern and Doctor Miller of CMA staff, Mr. Howard Hassard, legal counsel; Messrs. Read, Salisbury and Brown of the Public Health League; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Geisert of Kern, Baker of Los Angeles, Blankfort of Marin, Colvin of Monterey, Bannister and Blough of Orange, Walters of Riverside, Dochterman of Sacramento, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Burris of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Monnich of San Joaquin, Wood of San Mateo, Brown and York of Sonoma, Whitehall of Stanislaus and Addington of Forty First; Mr. Clifton Linville of California Hospital Association; Messrs. Bentley, Purdy, Babb and Potloff and Doctors Reynolds and Hoagland of California Physicians' Service; Doctors Osman Hull, Monterey, Arthur Howard, Fresno, and Warren L. Bostick, Los Angeles; and Mr. John Pompelli of the American Medical Association.

1. Minutes for Approval

Minutes of the 503rd Council meeting, held August 8, 1964, were presented and amended to delete the three words "already in effect" and the final words ("in California") and adding the word "other" before the word "blood" in the next to the last line shown under the "ACTION" paragraph of item 16. As amended, the minutes were approved.

2. *Membership*

(a) A report of membership as of September 16, 1964, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, three applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Herschel H. Solomon, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Louis Kovitz, Santa Clara County; Bernard Frederick Hansen, Stanislaus County.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, three members were voted election to Retired Membership. These were: George L. Athey, Fresno County; Arthur Floyd Gardner, Los Angeles County; George Long Barry, Santa Clara County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, reductions of dues were voted for 12 applicants.

3. *Audio-Digest Foundation*

Doctor Teall reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Audio-Digest Foundation on August 27, 1964, at which time it was voted (1) that the annual meeting of the board would, by bylaw amendment, be changed to the time of the Council meeting in January, and (2) that surplus funds of the foundation would be contributed in equal shares to the American Medical Association and Research Foundation and the California Medical Education and Research Foundation, with the suggestion to CMERF that it apply the funds to medical schools in California that are not primarily tax supported.

ACTION: Voted to accept such funds with thanks and to authorize the Board of Directors of CMERF to use its best judgment in the distribution of funds so received.

4. *Report of the President*

President Doyle reported on various meetings he had attended in recent weeks, including component society meetings in Fresno and in Ventura and some districts of Los Angeles County. He also gave detailed reports on three meetings he had attended in Chicago, including (1) a meeting of state association officers held by the AMA, (2) the conference of medical executives and (3) the AMA Public Relations Conference.

5. *Report of President-Elect*

President-Elect Teall reported on his attendance at component society meetings in Sonoma and Mendocino-Lake Counties and a meeting of the Federation of State Licensing Boards attended by medical school deans, at which the principal areas of discussion were on the graduate training of foreign medical graduates and the enlarging of medical school faculties.

Doctor Teall also presented the report of the Certification Review Committee, showing 253 specialty certificates of former osteopathic physicians and surgeons acted upon to date and 22 others on which no action had been taken for various reasons.

Doctor Teall, in behalf of the Committee on Committees, also reported on several appointments to be made and requested nominations from Councilors.

6. *California College of Medicine*

Doctor Warren L. Bostick, dean of the California College of Medicine, reported on the receipt of 11 full-year scholarships for CCM and other Los Angeles area medical school students contributed by the LACMA Research Foundation of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, gave a progress report on the activities of the college and reported the death of one member of the board of trustees who was one of three trustees who had instituted a lawsuit against the conversion of the college to a medical school.

7. *State Department of Public Health*

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, state director of public health, reported on the decision of the Hospital Advisory Board to amend hospital regulations to permit fathers to be present in delivery rooms of hospitals where the attending physicians, the hospital staff and hospital administration agree. This decision will be voted upon by the State Board of Public Health in October.

Doctor Merrill further reported on the incidence of meningococcic meningitis at Fort Ord and on the cooperation between health officers and military personnel in a campaign to control the cyclical outbreak. He further reported on the prospective changes in health regulations on motor vehicle emissions, the proposed federal "War on Poverty" and the rise of venereal disease in persons under 20 years of age to the top position among communicable diseases in California.

8. *State Department of Social Welfare*

Mrs. Eunice Evans, deputy director of the State Department of Social Welfare, reported that the department is awaiting passage of the Social Security Act amendments now before the Congress, which include a provision which will permit the payment of MAA benefits in the same month in which OASI benefits are paid.

Mrs. Evans also reported on the department's studies on the furnishing of additional prenatal care as a deterrent to mental retardation and answered several questions put by Councilors.

9. *California Hospital Association*

Mr. Clifton Linville, president of the California Hospital Association, issued thanks to President

Doyle for publication on his page in *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE* of the liaison existing between the two organizations.

Doctor MacLaggan moved that the CMA set up with CHA a joint liaison committee to secure reports from the several voluntary regional hospital planning boards in the state.

ACTION: Voted to establish such joint committee and to name CMA representatives as members.

10. *California Physicians' Service*

Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, president of CPS, reported that the new contracts signed by Chrysler and Ford with the United Auto Workers included provision for outpatient psychiatric care to be delivered on a descending fee scale based on the number of visits and with a maximum fee payment of \$400. He also reported that contract negotiations with the Texas Co. are based on the payment of the usual and customary fees of physicians in the various areas served.

Dr. Reynolds announced an AMA congress on insurance and prepayment plans to be held in Las Vegas, October 2 and 3, and urged attendance.

Doctor Paul Hoagland, CPS board chairman, reported that a health care plan for retired CPS employees had been approved by the board. A similar plan for CMA employees is being developed.

Dr. Hoagland also reported on the need of a substandard fee schedule for patients with sharply limited means and suggested that the Council plan to introduce a resolution calling for such a fee schedule in the 1965 House of Delegates. It was suggested that CPS prepare a proposed resolution to be submitted to the Council.

11. *Medical Executives Conference*

H. Martin Baker reported on the meeting of the Medical Executives Conference on September 18, at which discussion was held on membership dues billing, postal regulations on mailing permits and the proposed AMA publicity campaign in support of Kerr-Mills legislation.

12. *Scientific Board*

Councilor Shaw, chairman of the Scientific Board, reported on a statewide conference on continuing medical education now being planned and asked for suggestions. He also reported that the board had the 1965 Annual Session program well underway, that the support of medical libraries was under study and that a committee would report later on the desirability and need for state-operated respiratory disease centers.

13. *Component Societies Officers' Conference*

Councilor Sherman presented the report of the ad hoc Committee on Component Societies Officers'

Conference, with recommendations that (1) the conference be held each year at least 45 days prior to the Annual Session; (2) a review and critique procedure be instituted; (3) audience participation should be provided; (4) both short and long-term objectives should be followed; (5) costs should be limited; and (6) the 1965 conference be planned close to the Los Angeles International Airport in conjunction with a scheduled Council meeting.

ACTION: Report accepted and approved.

14. *Committee on Committees*

Doctor Teall, chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented several nominees for approval, including

1. Doctor Harold Griffeath, San Francisco, to attend Conference on Cardiovascular Disease in Washington, D.C., November 22, at CMA expense, and to participate as member of state core committee to follow up on recommendations of conference.

2. Doctor Warren Moe, Los Angeles, to succeed Doctor Frank Bryant as a member of the Los Angeles County Committee on Hemolytic Diseases of the Newborn.

3. Doctors Charlotte Baer, San Francisco, and Peary Berger, Los Angeles, as additional members of the Advisory Committee to California Medical Assistants Association.

4. Committee on 1965 Component Officers' Conference, same membership as ad hoc committee, Doctor Edgar Wayburn, chairman.

ACTION: Above nominations approved for appointments.

15. *Bureau of Research and Planning*

Doctor Sherman reported that the report of the bureau on the supply of physicians in California would soon be forthcoming and urged that this report be published in *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE*.

16. *Committee on Legislation*

Doctor Sherman reported on his and Doctor MacLaggan's appearance before the Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare, at which both urged the extension of a prepayment basis for the medical care of eligible welfare recipients.

Doctor Sherman also reported on a request received for CMA support of Proposition No. 2 on the November ballot, a proposition calling for authorization of \$380,000,000 of state bonds for educational purposes.

ACTION: Voted to publicize Proposition No. 2, which includes provision for medical educational purposes.

Mr. Ben Read reported that a number of interim committees will hold hearings on various proposals, including four meetings planned for Los Angeles on one day. He also reported that the committee would meet the following week with the chairmen of county legislative committees.

17. *Medical Staff Survey Committee*

Doctor MacLaggan presented a proposed or model section to be added to hospital staff bylaws, to provide that new applicants for staff privileges be elected initially as provisional members, this status to remain for three-month intervals renewable up to one year.

ACTION: Proposed hospital staff bylaw amendment approved.

Doctor MacLaggan also presented a second proposed or model hospital staff bylaw, to provide for a judicial review committee to hear appeals from staff applicants whose admission was denied or whose privileges were restricted or limited.

ACTION: Voted to recommend in model hospital staff bylaws a provision for establishment of appeal mechanism for applicants whose staff admission or readmission is denied or whose privileges are curtailed or not increased, and that members of such appeal body not include members of any staff committee who had previously dealt with staff privileges of the applicant.

18. *Commission on Public Agencies*

Doctor MacLaggan reported for the commission the proposal that a committee be authorized to work with the State Department of Public Health on a review of radiation control, including training and qualifications of inspectors.

ACTION: Approved authorization of such committee, Committee on Committees to select membership of the committee.

Doctor MacLaggan also proposed that the Crippled Children's Services of the State Department of Public Health be asked to re-evaluate the eligibility of physicians attending patients under the program.

ACTION: Approved request to State Department of Public Health for such re-evaluation.

19. *Ad Hoc Committee on Radiology*

The committee proposed that a study be made in Kern and Santa Clara Counties for a three-month period, studying all x-ray films made under four RVS numbers, with a review committee having equal representation of orthopedists, general practitioners, internists and radiologists. Cost of the study estimated at \$3,500 to \$4,500, to be shared equally by CMA and California Radiologi-

cal Society. The latter has not yet voted to meet its share of this cost.

ACTION: Proposal tabled at this time.

20. *Judicial Commission*

The commission reported on the question referred to it relative to the payment by CPS and other health insurance carriers of fees to physicians for services rendered to members of their own families. The report showed that such treatment, except in emergencies, is unethical, that health insurance is available for the protection of physicians' families and that other physicians should be called upon for such services and accept insurance benefits where available.

ACTION: Report of Judicial Commission approved.

21. *Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Discipline*

Doctor Anderson presented the committee's report and requested authority to place the report's recommendations before a Senate interim committee hearing. The report urged that the State Board of Medical Examiners be granted broader powers for disciplining and rehabilitating licentiates, including the formation of district committees to hear complaints and make recommendations for board action, expansion of probationary powers, broadening of areas of unprofessional conduct, authority for summary suspension of license and immediate hearing in serious cases and authority for the board to maintain its own staff of qualified investigators.

ACTION: Committee report approved and Doctor Anderson authorized to present report recommendations to Senate interim committee.

22. *Commission on Community Health Services*

Doctor Harold Kay, chairman, reported on his testimony before the Commissioner of Insurance in opposition to granting a permit for the sale of blood insurance in California, decision on which is expected early in 1965. Doctor Kay also reported that Community Health Week would be October 18-24, simultaneous with AMA plans for promoting greater use of the Kerr-Mills Act.

The commission recommended that Section 650 and related sections of the Business and Professions Code, together with the commission's statement on clinical laboratories, as approved by the Council and the House of Delegates be communicated to all CMA members.

ACTION: Above recommendation approved.

Relative to Assembly Bill 2658 in the 1963 Legislature, relating to the solicitation of business by out-of-state clinical laboratories, the commission recommended that no legislation of this type be sup-

ported but that if such legislation were seriously considered the CMA should propose as an alternative a prohibition against the solicitation of pathological specimens originating in the human body by any clinical laboratory.

ACTION: Voted to oppose all legislation relating to clinical laboratories at this time.

23. *Bureau on Communications*

Doctor Warren L. Bostick, chairman, reported that the "Doctors At Work" television series was now being used in New York and elsewhere, for some return on the investment. He also reported that the bureau was developing a communications effort directed at hospital administrators, chiefs of staff and department heads.

Doctor Bostick also reported that the bureau had considered the position of subscription television and its capacity to embrace medical subjects and wished to propose to the AMA that its advisory committee to radio, television and motion pictures be placed at the disposal of subscription television producers.

ACTION: This proposal approved for application in the event subscription television remains as a communications medium following the November election.

On the proposed AMA advertising campaign, the bureau recommended that the CMA agree to cooperate with the idea of the program but that the

advertising copy be modified by competent staff members and be used only in those areas approving the final copy. The Committee for Emergency Action would supervise all approved copy.

ACTION: Voted to follow recommended procedure.

Doctor Bostick referred to resolutions 16-64, 65-64 and 94-64 of the House of Delegates relating to the provision of medical care, and suggested these be referred to the Commission on Community Health Services. Doctor Teall discussed the need for assembling information on all available medical care resources as a means of backing up the guarantee of medical care regardless of ability to pay.

ACTION: Voted approval of the concept of assembling health care resources and referred to Commission on Community Health Services.

24. *Committee on Health and Accident Insurance*

The chairman read a letter from a member relative to a specific insurance coverage for sickness and accident disability coverage, which was referred to the Committee on Health and Accident Insurance.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before it, the committee was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*
MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

